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Serial Nos. 95699

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

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Part B for Aug. 1937

SUBJECT.

Members of the National High
School taking part in Politics

Serial
No.

95

D.O. No. 208/C.S. dated 15-7-37

To the D.P. I

States that Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao & some other members of the National High School are taking active part in movements of a political character & requests him to bring it to the notice of the School Management & to advise them to desist from such activities, as otherwise the Govt. would withdraw their help to the institution.

No 125

CS.

96

D.O. No. 35 dated 20-7-37

from the D.P. I

Enquires as to the movements of a political nature being participated in by the members of the teaching staff of the N.H. School and asks for definite details of the same.

Kind reference is invited to the printed copy of an Appeal published by the Mysore State Youth Conference organisers. It shows that Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao, M.A., Hon. President of the National Youth League, is the Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Youth Conference. One of the

(* Obtained from
the Office of the
Supt. C.S.D.)

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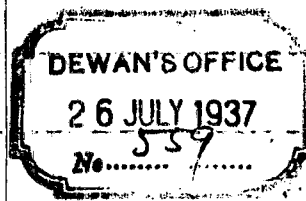
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General and Revenue
Secretariat

Chief object of the Conference is mentioned as - "To bring together all youths on a common platform to discuss the political, economic and social problems of our country and to give a right & effective lead..".

~~"To evolve an effective course of action in order to root out the growing evils of Communism among the Signatories to the appeal"~~ There seem to be the names of some of the teachers of the National High School.



2) ~~Is~~ If any further information regarding the activities of Mr Sampathgiri Rao or other members of the teaching staff of the school, is needed the D. G. of Police may be asked to give available particulars in this regard.

3) May the D. P. I. be informed of the ~~particulars~~ particulars given in the printed Appeal?

Submd
CGR
23/7/37

4) Yes

MS
23.7.37

5) Subd with a draft.

6) For perusal before is not.

K.M.R
23/7/37
CGR

1st member) 7) J.P.H.

MS
26.7.37

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Members of the National High School taking
part in the Politics

General and Revenue
Secretariat

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[App. F. III-2]

Serial
No.

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No. 406 dated 27.7.37

The Director of Public Instruction

Forwards for perusal and return a printed
copy of an Appeal issued by the organiser of the Mysore
State Youth Conference.

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Letter no. 80 of 36-37 dated 10th Aug. 37
from the Director of ^{P.S.} Public Instruction stating
that the Govt's views have been communicated
to the President, National Educational Society of
the National High School & that he has been
asked to inform him of the action taken
in the matter.

Submitted for perusal

K. M. R.

11.8.37

for member

MS

12/8

DEWAN'S OFFICE
13 AUG. 1937
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CHIEF SECRETARY
12. AUG. 1937
GOVT. OF MYSORE

3/7/37

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no of C.B. 15-37-95
Δ 15/7/37

Confidential.

Dear Sir

Govt. are given to understand that Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao ^{and some other members} of the National High School ^{Staff} has been taking an active part in movements of a political or Semi-political character [like the Messure Youth League etc]. It is undesirable that members of the ⁸ Staff of educational institutions which are in receipt of grants-in-aid from Government should

be associated with
such activities.

I am to request
you to kindly bring
me above to the notice
of the School Management
and ^{advise} ~~warn~~ them that
unless the Staff of the
institution ~~can keep~~
~~stop~~ cease all connection
with movements of a
political character
Govt. will be constrained
to consider the question
of withdrawing ^{Govt} help
to the institution.

Yours Sincerely

MS
13.7.37
(Chief Secy)

E. G. Mc. Alpine Esq, M.A. etc

D. P. 9.

Re. demand made
by Govt. for
an end of school
movements.

(clean copy of ^{the} draft seen by the Dewan)

no of C.B. 15-37-95

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

Draft for appl.

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/ member)

MS
14.7.37

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14/7 MS
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Government are given to understand that Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao and ~~certain~~ ^{Some} other members of the National High School ~~Staff~~ have been taking an active part in movements of a political or semi-political character. It is undesirable that members of the staff of educational institutions which are in receipt of grants-in-aid from Government should be associated with such activities.

I am to request you to kindly bring the above to the notice of the School management and advise them that unless the staff of the institution cease all connection with movements of a political character, Government will be constrained to consider the question of withdrawing their help to the institution.

Yours sincerely,

MS
14.7.37

To

E.G. McAlpine, Esq., M.A.,
Director of Public Instruction
in Mysore, Bangalore.

15th July 7

CONFIDENTIAL.

208/ CB-15-37-95

Mr. K. Sampathgiri

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Y. J.
[Signature]

E. G. McAlpine, Esqr., M.A., Dip. (Edn), V.D., J.P.,
Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.

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P.S.

Dated....20th July,.....1937.

E. G. McALPINE, M.A. (Edin.),
Dip. Edn. (Edin.), V.D., J.P.,
Director of Public Instruction.

CONFIDENTIAL.

C.B.
21.7.37

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

Before communicating the contents of your confidential letter No.208/C.B. 15-37 dated 15th July 1937 to the Chairman of the Committee of Management of the National High School I have been making a few private enquiries from various people including certain members of the Committee of Management, and have been unable to gather any definite information. I rather imagine that the first reaction of the Managing Committee to your letter will be to state that they are unaware of any movements of a political nature being participated in by Members of the teaching staff, and to ask for definite details. In these circumstances I should be glad if you could let me know confidentially what it is that Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao and other members of the staff have been doing to which Government take objection.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. McAlpine
20/7/37

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Bangalore.

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Strictly Confidential.

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Dear Mr. Mc Alpine,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 35 of 37-38/P.S. dated 20th July 1937, I am desirous to forward for your perusal and early return a printed copy of an Appeal issued by the organisers of the Mysore State Youth Conference.

It is seen therefrom that Mr. K. Sampatgiri Rao is the President of the National Youth League ^{which has} ~~who have~~ been organising the Mysore State Youth Conference, one of the main objects of which is stated to be "to discuss the political, economic and social problems" of the country. Among the persons who have signed the manifesto welcoming the holding of the conference there appear to be also members of the tutorial staff of the National High School.

Yours sincerely,

MS
26-7-37
Chief Secy.

E. G. Mc Alpine, Esqr., M.A., etc.,
Director of public instruction in Mysore.

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27th July

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Yours sincerely,



Chief Secy.

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Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.

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Director of Public Instruction.

BANGALORE,

Dated.....10th August 1937.

CPB MS 1078
Confidential.

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

In connection with your D.O. letters No.208/C.B.15-37 dated 15-7-1937 and No.406/C.B.15-37 dated 27-7-1937, I write to inform you that Government's views have been communicated confidentially to the President, National Educational Society of the National High School who has been asked to inform me of the action taken by him in the matter. As requested, I am returning herewith the printed copy of the appeal issued by the organisers of the Mysore State Youth Conference.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. McAlpine
10/8/37

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,

Bangalore.

THE MYSORE STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

ORGANISERS

(THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE. B-CITY)

Chairman of the Reception Committee

SJT. K. SAMPATHGIRI RAO, M.A.,
(Hon. President, N. Y. L.)

Reception Committee Office :

No. 4, Upstairs "Seshamahal Buildings"
CENTRAL ROAD, VISVESHWARAPURAM
BANGALORE CITY.

AN APPEAL

"Success often comes to those who dare and act; It seldom goes to the timid"

— Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

DEAR COMRADES,

We are living in an age, when great and epoch-making changes are taking place in every sphere of human life, in our country. In these changes, we, the youth, have a great part to play, as the youths of other countries have already demonstrated. After years of hard and strenuous toil at studies, the spectre of **Unemployment** and **Hunger**, awaits us; We find **Grinding Poverty** hovering around us. In response to the **National Call**, youths of other provinces have already organised themselves. It would be sorry indeed, if we, the **Progressive** and **enlightened youths** of the Model State of **Mysore** do not rise up to the occasion, and organise ourselves with an unflinching determination to take a proud and legitimate part in the Nation's onward March towards our **destined goal**.

In view of these facts, the National Youth League has decided to shoulder the responsibility of organising a **MYSORE STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE** during the last week of June 1937 (exact date and programme will be announced later) at Bangalore.

THE CHIEF OBJECTS OF THE CONFERENCE, ARE :—

(i) To bring together all youths irrespective of Caste, Creed or Nationality on a common platform to discuss the political, economic and social problems of our Country, and to give a right and effective lead to the youths of our country.

(ii) To evolve an effective Course of Action in order to root out the Growing evils of communalism and to promote true comradeship and good-will among all youths.

(iii) To form a strong and stable organisation consisting of all youths of the Mysore State with a concrete and practical programme.

It has been decided to invite Prominent Youth Leaders to preside over, and to open the Conference. Therefore, we appeal to all patriotic and conscientious, young men and women, to rally round the Youth Conference, with an unflinching determination to hasten the dawn of a Free and New India. We feel quite confident of your ready response, and hope, you will help us by enrolling yourselves, as well as your friends, as **R. C. Members** and **DELEGATES**, in your hundreds and thousands.

There are **three** classes among Reception Committee Members :—

1. Patrons, paying Rs. 50/- or above.
2. Donors, paying Rs. 10/- or above.
3. Members, paying Rs. 5/- or above.

(For Students and unemployed youths, Rs. 2/- only.)

Any one can become a delegate on Paying a Nominal Subscription of Rupee One (Re 1/-) only. (For peasant and working class youths Annas 4 only). We will try to arrange free lodging for delegates coming from mofussil places. Any other donations are gratefully accepted. Prizes will be awarded to such of those who enrol more than 25 delegates. Finally, we appeal to one and all to make the conference a roaring success by their active support, encouragement and participation. Further particulars can be had from the General Secretary, The National Youth League, Room No. 3, "Sesha Mahal Buildings", Central Road, Visveshwarapuram, Bangalore City.

In eager anticipation of your ready response and earnest co-operation,

We remain

Yours Fraternaly,

(Sd.) C. S. MOHAMED HAFEEZUR RAHMAN,
(Chairman of the Executive Committee.)

(Sd.) SAVOI ASWATHA RAO,
General Secretary.

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YOUTHS! UNITE.

P. S:—

We, the undersigned, wel-come, the Idea of holding a MYSORE STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE, and we request, one and all, to make the Conference a roaring success, by their active Co-operation and Support.

In eager anticipation of your ready response,

We remain,

Yours Fraternally.

BANGALORE CITY:—

Messrs:—1. K. Ananta Subba Rao. 2. G. N. Acharya. 3. C. Bandi Gowdar. (Secretary, Ockkaligara Youth League.) 4. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar. (President, B. D. C. C.,) 5. K. Lakshminarayan. 6. L. M. Chakradev, B.A., (Hons). 7. C. Gundu Rao, (President, N. Y. L.,) 8. M. Rama Rao (Subodha) 9. B. N. Gupta. 10. Seth Gopaldas. 11. C. S. Inayatulla. 12. Shrimati R. Kalyanamma. 13. K. Krishna Iyengar B.A., 14. K. S. Krishna Iyer B.A., 15. S. V. Narayana Murty. 16. B. V. P. Naidu. 17. V. S. Narayan Rao, (Secy. B. D. C. C.,) 18. S. N. Parameshvariah, (Secy. N. H. S., Old Boys' Assn.) 19. B. Rama Murthy. 20. G. Subramanyam. 21. K. Shama Rao. 22. K. Srinivasa Murthy. 23. M. A. Sattar. 24. K. A. Venkataramiah. 25. C. V. Rao. 26. G. Varadaraja Rao.

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Messrs:—27. Jayaseelan. 28. R. Krishna Iyer. 29. S. Sundaram Iyer, (President, Young Men's Assn.) 30. Venkatashamiya.

KOLAR:—

Messrs:—31. M. Doraswamy. 32. B. M. Rangappa Setty. 33. M. K. Chinnasami Naidu. 34. Abdul Kareem. 35. H. Sethuram.

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Messrs:—36. B. Madappiah. 37. Y. Parthanarayana Pandit. 38. B. Sridhar Murthy.

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Messrs:—39. H. V. Nanjundiya. 40. S. B. Doraswamy.

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Messrs:—43. B. Ananda Rao. 44. M. R. Nanjundiya. 45. B. H. Rajaram Singh. 46. M. N. Rajasekhar. 47. R. K. Setty. 48. K. Sriranganathan. 49. N. S. Shamanna. 50. B. Vasudeva Murty, (Secretary, N. Y. L., Br.)

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Messrs:—51. M. R. Srinivasan, (Secretary, N. Y. L., Br.) 52. O. Hallappa. 53. M. Veerabhadrapa. 54. S. Sivanappa. 55. J. R. Lakshman Rao. 56. G. V. Sankarappa.

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DODBALLAPUR:—

Messrs:—60. R. G. Ramaswamy. 61. Chandrasekhar.

YELAHANKA:—

Messrs:—62. Muniappa M.V., 63. Govindappa B.M., 64. M. Kempiah. 65. C. Govindappa.

Messrs:—M. L. Viswanath (Maddur)

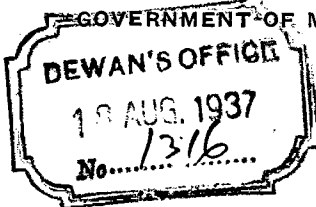
Messrs:—66. Narayan Murty, (Chintamani.) 67. K. S. Ranga Rao, (Kumsi.) 68. S. Rama Rao, (Holenarasipur.) 69. B. Anantharam, (Devanahalli.) 70. H. Narasinga Rao, (Hollekere.) 71. K. V. Srinivasan (Mandya.) 72. Y. R. Keshava Murthy, (Hassan.) 73. Rama Rao, (Tumkur.) 74. C. B. Monniah, (Coorg.) 75. S. Rama Rao, (Holenarasipur.) 76. Siddanath. 77. Perumal. 78. Guruswamy, (Bangalore.)

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BANGALORE,

Dated.....18th August 1937.

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Dip. Edn. (Edin.), V.D., J.P.,
Director of Public Instruction.

Confidential.

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

In continuation of my confidential letter D.O.No. 80 of 37-38/P.S dated 10th August 1937 I enclose a copy of letter received from Diwan Bahadur T. Bhujanga Rao, Esq., M.A., B.L., President, National Education Society, Bangalore. I also attach copies of statements taken by Mr. Bhujanga Rao from three of the teachers of the National High School formerly associated with the League. From the teachers' statements and the President's letter it would appear that the staff of the school withdrew from any association with the League when they realised the direction in which events were moving.

Subsequently however, I have received a confidential report from the Inspector General of Police and also one from the District Magistrate both pointing out that the students of the National High School are taking keen interest and an active part in all the political affairs of the Congress in the Bangalore City. I have in this connection asked Mr. Bhujanga Rao to see me in order to discuss the whole affair.

For perusal.
Dewan) His further
refat may be awaited, MS
JP 18/8

Yours sincerely,

E. G. McAlpine

19/8 MS
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B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Bangalore.

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Copy of letter dated 12th August 1937 from Diwan Bahadur
Mr. T. Bhujanga Rao, M.A., B.L., President, N.E.S., Bangalore.

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With reference to your confidential letter D.O.No. 81 of 37-38/P.S. dated 10-8-1937, may I say that there is no teacher on the staff of the National High School that is connected with the National Youth League?

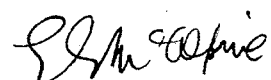
Copies of statements taken from three of our teachers formerly associated with the League directly or indirectly are hereto annexed. They will explain how they came to be connected with the League and how they had to dissociate themselves from it.

The teachers of the School categorically deny that they ever took any active part in any movement of a political character except to the extent of their association with the League which at times involved a mere academical discussion of political subjects such as often takes place in University Unions and Students' Unions generally.

The Rules and Bye Laws of our Society are also sent herewith. So far as the knowledge of the management goes the activities of the teachers have not gone beyond the objects mentioned at pages 1 and 7.

Your letter will be placed before the Governing Council and in the meanwhile I should like to be informed if, besides the association of some of the teachers with the Youth League, there is any further basis for the view that the teachers have been taking an active part in movements of a political or semi-political character.

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DIRECTOR.

Copy of letter dated 21-7-1937 from Mr. K. Sampathgiri Rao of the National High School, Bangalore City addressed to the President, National Education Society of Mysore, Bangalore City.

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With reference to our conversation yesterday, when you desired me to explain the circumstances of my being connected with the Youth League Conference as the Chairman of the Reception Committee, I desire to state as follows:-

The National Youth League was started about five years ago. Its membership consists of students living in the southern extensions of the City, and its activities consist of arranging for discussions and lectures, running a library and a manuscript magazine - the usual activities of literary and debating societies. Most of the members of the League are College students, and as some of them happen to be our old boys, I agreed, at their request, to be the President of the League. In March this year, they thought of convening a conference of youths from different parts of Mysore, and as I happened to be the President of their League, they desired that I should be the Chairman of the Reception Committee also, and I agreed.

I had to be away for nearly a month and a half in April and May, and it was only on my return that I learnt that they had written to and secured the consent of Mr.M.R. Masuni of Bombay to preside. Their decision did not commend itself to me. I might have resigned from the Chairmanship of the Reception Committee, but I considered at the time that if I did so it would be withdrawing such restraining influence as I was exercising on these young men, in whom I was interested.

I desire to state that neither I nor any of my colleagues have countenanced socialistic ideas, which many educated young men seem only too willing to play with. Such tendency among

youth is due in some measure to the charm of novelty of these ideas, and also to the bitterness caused by a prospect of unemployment. Nearly three years ago, for instance, when the University Union arranged a Citizen's Debate in the Central College to discuss "That Socialism is the only remedy for the ills of India" or words to that effect, I was invited to participate, and chose to oppose the subject. The House carried the proposition by a majority! I am referring to this incident only to show which way the minds of many young men are leaning.

My influence, such as it is, has always been used to restrain young men from loose thinking and talking big on socialism and matters - theories which to my mind are wholly inapplicable to the conditions of our country, and do violence to the fundamental elements of Hindu culture. That is the only justification I can offer in regard to my connection with this conference.

I desire to assure you that I have taken no part whatever in any political activities; and I shall certainly observe in letter and spirit the discipline of our school organisation which enjoins on the members of its staff abstention from activities of a political character.

DIRECTOR.

Copy of letter dated 11-8-1937 from Mr. K. Krishna Iyengar of the National High School, Bangalore.

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With regard to the National Youth League and my connection therewith, the facts are simply these.

Some of the prominent members of the Youth League are our old boys and as such well known to me. They had usually - programmes of lectures and debates in the year and I might have given a lecture or two or presided at a lecture under their - auspices. Sometime in February or March this year, they - thought of having a Youth Conference and approached me with a request for participation. Since I saw nothing objectionable - in the idea of youths of the State meeting together, I allowed my name to be used for appealing to the youths all over the State to join in the proposed Conference.

A little later, however, I found that the promoters of the Conference were proceeding on what seemed to me undesirable - lines. Sometime in June, I think it was, I let it be understood that I had no willingness to participate in the Conference and withdrew from it, after asking the Secretary of the Youth League to drop my name from his notices and appeals etc. I let him know that I dissociated myself from the Conference.

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DIRECTOR.

Copy of letter dated 11-8-1937 from Mr.K.S. Krishna Iyer
of the National High School, Bangalore.

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Many of the members of the Youth League, were either our old boys or known to me personally. The original idea as placed before me was that it was proposed to have a Youth Conference. I saw no harm in this and so I allowed my name to appear along with so many others in the first appeal. Beyond this I have had no part in the Conference. I was never a member of the Reception Committee.

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DIRECTOR.

Copy of letter dated 26-7-1937 from Mr.K.Sampathgiri Rao
of the National High School, Bangalore.

--:oOo:--

In continuation of my letter dated 21-7-1937 I desire to inform you that I have offered my resignation of Chairmanship of the Reception Committee of the Youth Conference, on the 24th inst as I felt I could not associate myself with the Resolutions as passed by the Subjects Committee on that date.

I have abstained from all participation with the Conference at its subsequent sessions, both private and public.

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DIRECTOR.